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(57) Abstract: A system and method of mapping irregularities of hard tissue. The method includes repeatedly transmitting ultrasonic energy towards the hard tissue at a first angle of incidence, registering the origin of transmission if an echo-reflection the hard tissue is received, defining the origin of transmission in six degrees of freedom, calculating position co-ordinates for a point causing the echo-reflection and changing the origin of transmission. The method further includes compiling position co-ordinates to generate a map of the irregularities in the surface of the hard tissue. The system includes at least one ultrasonic transducer, a central processing unit and a position locator and adjustment mechanism operably connectable and configured to accomplish the disclosed method.

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